

News from Congressman

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U.S. HOUSE BILL APPROVES \$475,000 FOR BRISBANE WASTE WATER TREATMENT

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo / San Francisco) announced that the House of Representatives has passed important appropriations legislation which includes \$475,000 for the City of Brisbane to improve its waste water treatment facilities. The legislation now goes to the Senate for its consideration, with final action expected early this Fall.

"I am delighted with our successful effort to help protect the health and safety of all Bay Area residents," said Congressman Lantos. "This is another important step in maintaining the quality of life in our area."

The legislation adopted by the House provides funds for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Assistance Grant Program and includes funding for the Valley Drive Pump Station Replacement project and for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements.

Brisbane's Valley Drive Pump Station is over forty years old and is the weak link in its sewer system, creating an imminent risk of raw sewage overflow into the San Francisco Bay. The bill provides \$300,000 for the replacement of this station. Additionally the bill provides \$175,000 in federal funds for the development of the water, wastewater, and sewer master plan for the long term effort to update Brisbane's water infrastructure.

The U.S. House of Representatives approved H.R. 2861 The Veterans' Administration, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill on Friday.